

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the present application as set forth below.

5 Claims 1-44: Cancelled

45. (Currently amended) A method for downloading firmware to at least one of a plurality of storage devices in a computing system having at least one client connected to a server, the method comprising:

10 receiving at a server, a request from a client to update firmware on one or more storage devices in the computer system;

instantiating an agent on the server;

registering the agent with an agent manager;

transmitting from the server to the client a first list of storage devices

15 visible to the server;

receiving from the client a second list of storage devices including at least one storage device from the first list of storage devices, a firmware file, and an instruction to download the firmware file to at least one storage device on the second list of storage devices; and

20 initiating a process to download the firmware file to the at least one storage device on the second list of storage devices.

~~The method of claim 44, further comprising:~~

~~instantiating an agent on the server; and~~

25 ~~registering the agent with an agent manager.~~

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45, wherein the agent manager periodically pings the agent instantiated on the server, and un- registers the agent if the agent is unavailable.

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47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45, wherein receiving,  
from a client, a request to update firmware on one or more storage devices in  
the computer system comprises:

validating the client with the agent manager; and

5 establishing a communication connection between the agent and an  
applet executing on the client.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein transmitting  
from the server to the client a first list of storage devices visible to the server  
10 comprises identifying storage devices visible to the server.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein identifying  
storage devices visible to the server comprises scanning a peripheral bus.

15 50. – 54. (Cancelled).

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45, wherein the agent  
monitors a storage device and reports a storage device status change to a  
client.

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